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Mr. Harry E. Fitzwater Deputy Director for Administration Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Mr. Fitzwater:

Reference is made to your letter of September 18 regarding a proposed agreement to cover the CIA's funding of an extension of the deceleration lane on northbound I-495 and the widening of the eastbound Parkway exit ramp.

When this subject was first raised in our meeting on May 21, I advised that we would investigate the matter to see if these improvements were needed to improve access to the Parkway ramp. My letter of June 5 pointed out that the a.m. backups on northbound I-495 are brought about by the lack of traffic capacity on Cabin John Bridge.

You indicated in our meeting that your studies had revealed that these improvements would improve access to the Parkway. While any improvements in this area should have some positive benefit, the solution to the backups on Cabin John will not come about until I-495 is widened to eight lanes in Virginia and Maryland and we have ten lanes on I-495 between the Parkway interchanges. Virginia's current Six Year Improvement Plan calls for the commencement of the eight lane construction in fiscal year '88-'89. Maryland's draft Consolidated Transportation Program provides for the construction of their eight lanes in fiscal year '89. Hopefully, these projects can be coordinated by the two States whereby a simultaneous completion date for all of the eight laning can be attained.

The Department has previously agreed to enter into an agreement with you to implement these improvements provided they are funded by CIA.